Mission Scientist Report for Monday, 27 May 2013

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Discussion:

Status: NPOL and D3R are green. Some surprise high winds (maximum S 45 MPH G55MPH) on Sunday (5/26) associated with wake low shut down NPOL azimuthal motor due to overheating. Engineers are debugging why happening prior to specification of S 60 MPH. Similar wake low occured this morning (5/27) but was anticipated and antenna was stowed during peak winds of S 40 MPH. NPOL Zdr calibration has been checked with multiple bird bath scans on 5/20 and 5/25. Analysis of high quality BB scans suggest NPOLZdr has no bias (within 0.01 dB). XPOL's are all operational (3 Green, 1 Yellow). APU's and MRR's are green. 2DVD's are generally green but requiresome baby-sitting to keep themup.

Mission Summary 5/26/2013: Mixture of stratiform and convective echo over IFloodS domain associated with MCS in the early morning through afternoon hours. After MCS passed through, more intense but isolated widely scattered convection developed in southern part of IFloodSdomain within range of NPOL during early late afternoon - late night hours. Remained in southern part of domain. Mixture of sampling was accomplished with sectors and RHI's over disdrometer array when appropriate. 3-minute or better NPOL rain mapping was maintained throughout the period except during period when NPOL went down due to winds (45 minutes or so).